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1. SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON HAS SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE STATUS OF POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN TEN COUNTRIES RECEIVING US MILITARY AID, INCLUDING BRAZIL. SENATOR CRANSTON, CONGRESSMAN FRASER AND OTHERS WILL MEET WITH THE SECRETARY NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER RELATED HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS.

2. THE SENATOR SUBMITTED A FILE OF MATERIAL ON VARIOUS FORMS OF ALLEGED REPRESSION IN BRAZIL FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S UNCLASSIFIED

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EVALUATION AND COMMENT WHICH IS BEING AIR POUCHED TO YOU

TODAY. THE FILE CONTAINS REPORTS FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE INTER-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, THE US CATHOLIC CONFERENCE, AND AMERICAN FRIENDS OF BRAZIL, AS WELL AS PRESS ARTICLES CITING STATEMENTS BY THE BRAZILIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BRAZILIAN BISHOPS, THE MDB AND VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BRAZIL OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS. AMONG THE SPECIFIC CHARGES REPORTED ARE PRESS CENSORSHIP, MISTREATMENT OF INDIANS, ARBITRARY ARREST AND TORTURE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, MURDERS BY "DEATH SQUADS" AND REPRESSION OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION. AN INTERIM ANALYSIS OF THE SENATOR'S FILE IS BEING PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH CONGRESSMEN.

3. THE EMBASSY SHOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE FILE IN ITS RESPONSE TO REFTEL.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED OF EXPRESSIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND WILL FORWARD ANY FURTHER MATERIAL WHICH MAY BE HELPFUL IN THE PREPARATION OF YOUR REPLY TO REFTEL. INGERSOLL

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